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## I-890 SUPPORTERS ASSESSED CIVIL PENALTIES AT BRIEF ENFORCEMENT HEARING

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Michael Connelly, issued civil penalties for violations of state Public Disclosure law during brief enforcement hearings held Thursday in Olympia.

Two supporters of Initiative 890 were found in violation of the Public Disclosure Law. I-890, a statewide ballot proposition, proposed an indoor ban on smoking. It failed to qualify for the 2004 ballot.

The American Heart Association – Pacific Mtn Affiliate failed to timely report that it paid signature gatherers \$3,520 on behalf of the Breathe Easy Washington campaign. The Association also failed to timely report grass roots lobbying activity supporting 2004 legislation that would have banned smoking in public places.

**Breathe Easy Washington** failed to timely report that it received paid signature gathering from the **American Heart Association** and other entities totaling \$8,528.

Connelly assessed civil penalties against two lobbyist employers for failing to timely file a year-end summary report (PDC Form L-3).

**Insurance Brokers & Agents-West**, Bonney Lake, did not timely file an L-3 and was assessed a penalty of \$100.

**Geoff Clayton,** Woodinville, did not timely file an L-3 and was assessed a penalty of \$150.

In a separate hearing, **Ervin Hoglund**, 2004 State Representative candidate from the 38th<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, was found to have violated state law by failing to timely file the 21- and 7-day Pre-General Summary of Contributions and Expenditures reports (PDC Form C-4) and was assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

Persons found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, fivemember Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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